RADIO OPERATORS

303. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of radio operators;

(*b*) whether they are all given any pay and if so, what is the pay;

(*c*) whether they are all given any allowance besides their pay and if so, what amount;

(*d*) whether there are any radio operators who are neither paid nor given any allowance;

(*e*) whether any of the radio operators have been ordered to refund the amount drawn by them?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) No. Only an allowance of Rs. 12 per mensem is being paid.

(*c*) It has been now ordered that they are eligible for a dearness allowance of Rs. 12 also.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes; but the objection has since been withdrawn.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR TRAINING ABROAD

304. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

how many candidates selected by Government to undergo technical training abroad in connection with Post-war Development have already left the State and who are they?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

One. Mr. P. V. John.

USE OF COKE BY INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS

305. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was coke being used by industrial concerns in Cochin during pre-war days;

(*b*) if so, how many concerns were using coke and what was the annual consumption of coke;

(*c*) is coke available now; if not, when was it that it ceased to be available;

(*d*) is there any control over distribution of coke in India;

(*e*) if so, did Cochin apply for a quota;

(*f*) how many industrial concerns in the State applied for quota for coke and what was the total quantity applied for;

(*g*) did the India Government allow any quota for Cochin; if so, what was the quota;

(*h*) was this quota imported, if not, why not;

(*i*) did Government take any steps to assure an adequate supply of coke for industrial purposes in the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 7 concerns. Annual consumption 200 tons approximately.

(*c*) Coke is available now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) 11 concerns. (See statement appended).—*Appendix III*—The total quantity applied for is 393 tons.

(*g*) Yes. 2 waggon loads for the period August to October 1945.

(*h*) It was imported.

(*i*) Yes.

ARECANUT DUTY COLLECTED—PARTICULARS OF

306. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of arecanut duty collected in the State during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam 1121;

(*b*) what is the total anticipated income under the head for the year 1121;

(*c*) what was the total collection under the head in the year 1120;

(*d*) what is the amount that has been received by the State as its share from the All India Pool during the last financial year?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Rs. 5,01,171—0—0.

(*b*) Rs. 12,00,000—0—0.

(*c*) 7,89,706—11—9.

(*d*) Not yet received.

LICENSE FEES—ENHANCEMENT OF—TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPALITY

307. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Tattamangalam Municipality had enhanced the licence fees in 1121;

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for enhancing the fees;

(*c*) what are the rates of license fees under various heads in the years 1119, 1120 and those proposed for 1121;

(*d*) how do they compare with the rates in the Chittur Municipality;

(*e*) what are the reasons for disparity, if any;

(*f*) have the Government received a petition from the Local Merchants Association protesting againt the enhancement of the License fees;

(*g*) if so, what action has been taken on it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The expenses under Public Works and Supervision of the Municipality rose very high due to war conditions and the Council thought it expedient to augment its resources by imposing higher license fees on the merchant population who were making large profits.

(*c*) and (*d*) Copies of the Gazette Notifications in respect of license fees for 1119, 1120 and 1121 of the Tattamangalam as well as Chittur Municipalities are placed on the Council table.

(*e*) The poor financial resources of the Tattamangalam Municipality.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) After full consideration of the subject, Government decided not to overrule the Council's decision.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES

1. Standing Finance Committee

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee nomination of Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon alone has been received and therefore he has been duly elected to that Committee.

2. Advisory Committee for Education

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Advisory Committee for Education nomination of Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan alone has been received and therefore he has been duly elected to that Committee.

3. Advisory Committee for Medicine and Public Health

4. Central Committee for Feed the Children Fund

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Advisory Committee on Medicine and Public Health nomination of the following members have been received.

1. Mr. P. T. Jacob
2. Mr. P. K. Dewer

For the election of three members to the Central Committee for Food the Children Fund nominations of the following members have been received.

1. Mr. Jos. K. Verghese
2. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
3. Mr. K. S. Panicker
4. ,, P. K. Paul

Elections to the last two committees, *viz.*, Advisory Committee on Medicine and Public Health and Central Committee for Feed the Children Fund will be held by the Chief Secretary to Government at 5 p.m.

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